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MARLENE H. DORTCH, SECRETARY
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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RE RM-10865/DA NO 04-700

MS DORTCH,

I AM WRITING YOU IN REFERENCE TO RM-10865/DA NO. 04-700. THE BUCHANAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WISHES TO FILE COMMENTS ON THE U S DOJ/FBI/DEA JOINT PETITION FILED ON MARCH 10, 2004, BEFORE THE FCC REQUESTING THAT THE FCC RESOLVE, ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS, VARIOUS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT ISSUES ARISING FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANCE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT (CALEA).

IT IS IMPORTANT THE FCC ADOPT THE RULES PRESENTED BY THE DOJ, FBI, AND DEA. THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS ENACTED CALEA IN 1994 TO ENSURE LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS THE ABILITY TO CONDUCT AUTHORIZED WIRETAPS AS TECHNOLOGIES CHANGE. MANY NEW COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES HAVE ARISEN (E.G., BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS, VOICE OVER IP TELEPHONEY, AND PUSH TO TALK SERVICES) THESE SERVICES, POSE A CHALLENGE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT BECAUSE PROVIDERS OF THESE SERVICES FAILED TO VOLUNTARILY ADOPT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE SOLUTIONS VOLUNTARY INDUSTRY COMPLIANCE WITH CALEA IS NOT WORKING PROBLEMS FACING LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE CONDUCTING SURVEILLANCE OF BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS, VOIP, PUSH TO TALK SERVICE AND OTHER PACKET MODE SERVICES

I RESPECTIVELY ASK FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS LETTER AND ITS CONTENTS AND ITS SUPPORT OF THE DOJ, FBI, AND DEA'S PETITION IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS LETTER PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME AT THE ABOVE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

SINCERELY YOURS,

Randall Ashby, Chief Deputy
RANDALL ASHBY, CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF

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